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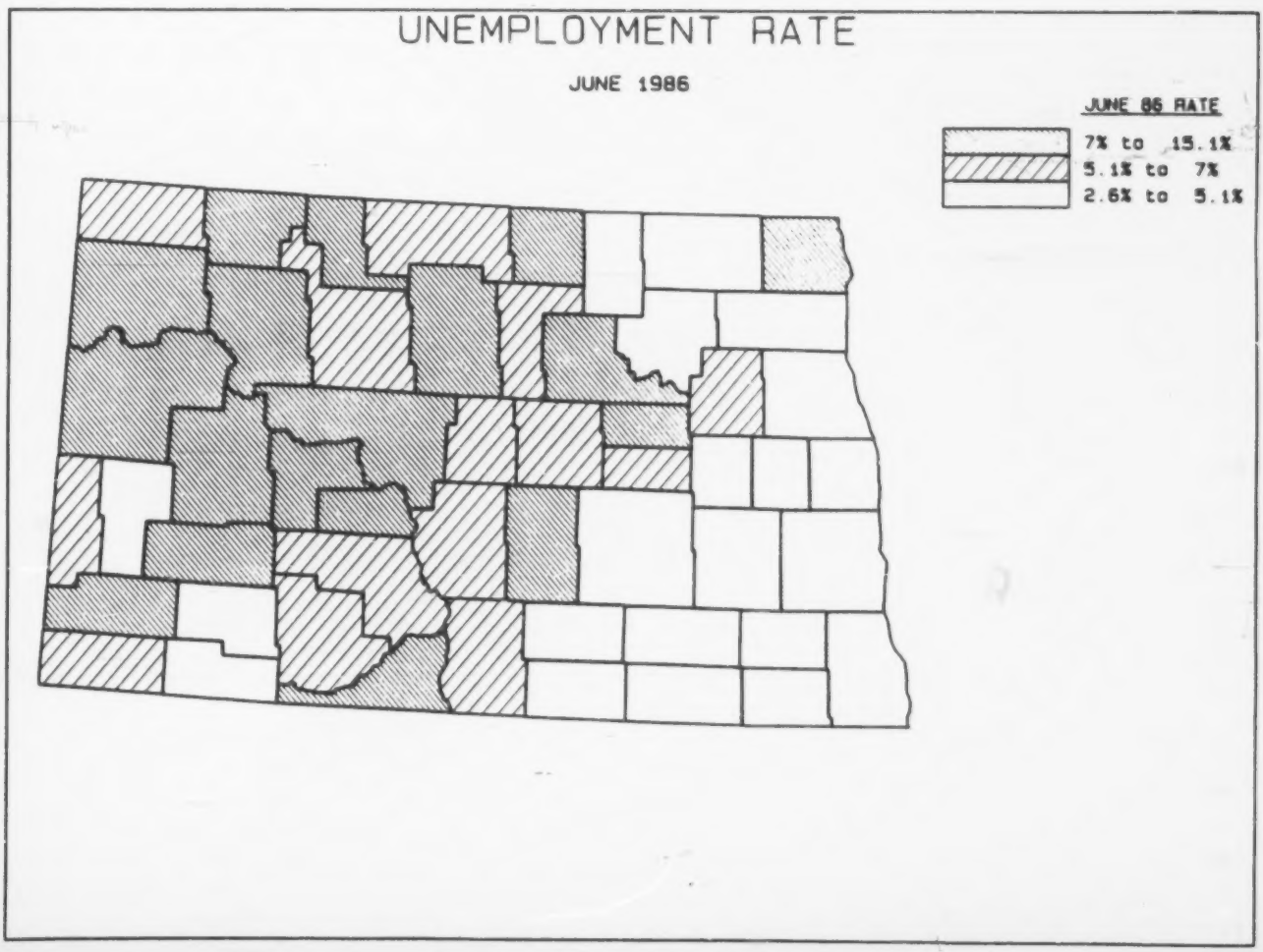

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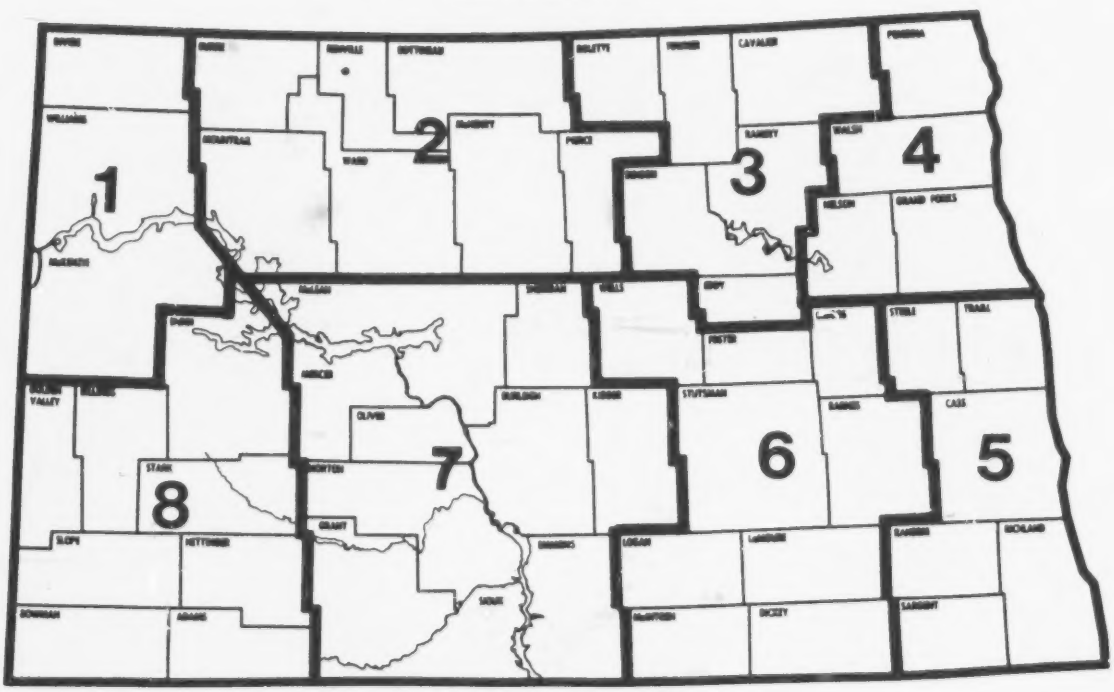

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA

Industry	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	Percent Change From: One Month Ago May 1986	Percent Change From: One Year Ago June 1985
TOTAL	251,760	251,290	255,430	0.2	-1.4
MINING	5,020	4,720	7,040	6.4	-28.7
Coal	1,240	1,230	1,430	0.8	-13.3
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,310	3,110	5,120	6.4	-35.4
Other Mining	470	380	490	23.7	-4.1
CONSTRUCTION	11,850	10,540	13,610	12.4	-12.9
Building Construction	3,210	2,830	3,540	13.4	-9.3
Street, Highway & Heavy	3,860	3,160	4,380	22.2	-11.9
Special Trade Construction	4,780	4,550	5,690	5.1	-16.0
MANUFACTURING	15,580	15,460	15,730	0.8	-1.0
Durable Goods	6,270	6,210	6,730	1.0	-6.8
Stone, Clay, & Glass	940	850	1,020	10.6	-7.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	670	660	720	1.5	-6.9
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,610	3,620	3,980	-0.3	-9.3
Other Durable Goods	1,050	1,080	1,010	-2.8	4.0
Nondurable Goods	9,310	9,250	9,000	0.6	3.4
Food & Kindred Products	4,660	4,640	4,440	0.4	5.0
Dairy Products	930	890	990	4.5	-6.1
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,620	1,650	1,420	-1.8	14.1
Bakery Products	410	410	450	0.0	-8.9
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,700	1,690	1,580	0.6	7.6
Printing & Publishing	2,450	2,450	2,410	0.0	1.7
Other Nondurable Goods	2,200	2,160	2,150	1.9	2.3
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	15,740	15,790	16,500	-0.3	-4.6
Transportation	7,450	7,610	7,710	-2.1	-3.4
Trucking & Warehousing	4,130	4,130	4,240	0.0	-2.6
Other Transportation	3,320	3,480	3,470	-4.6	-4.3
Communications	3,370	3,310	3,500	1.8	-3.7
Public Utilities	4,920	4,870	5,290	1.0	-7.0

THE NORTH DAKOTA LABOR FORCE—JUNE 1986

OVERVIEW: The labor force in North Dakota edged up from 352,960 in May to 353,690 in June. A review of the eight regions indicates a similar stability with only minor variations. (A map of North Dakota showing the regions is printed on the back of the front cover.) Unemployment increased by 930 which caused the state rate to move from 6.1 percent in May to 6.3 percent in June.

Although there has not been a significant change in the labor force over the past year, a slight increase is evident as it moved from 350,290 in June 1985 to its present level. Total employment moved up slightly, while the number of unemployed rose sharply from 19,540 to 22,420. As expected, Regions I and VIII, on the western edge of the state, showed significant increases in the number of unemployed. These two regions, where nearly all of the state's oil exploration and production is centered, account for 60 percent, or three out of every five of the nearly 3,000 additional unemployed workers. While the state rate of 6.3 percent is above normal for this time of the year, the rate of 12.1 percent in Region I and 8.3 percent in Region VIII reflects the severity of the slump in the oil economy. In June 1985, the unemployment rate in Region I was 6.4 percent, while Region VIII had a rate of 6.1 percent. In contrast, the rates in Regions IV and V, bordering Minnesota, have unemployment rates of 4.7 percent and 4 percent respectively and are up only slightly from the levels of June 1985. Since all of the known oil reserves are in the western part of the state, the downturn in the petroleum sector has not had a direct effect on the economy in eastern North Dakota. Regions IV and V, primarily the cities of Grand Forks and Fargo, receive strong economic support through wholesale and retail trade, business and financial services, colleges, and medical facilities.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: Nonfarm wage and salary employment rose by 470 during the past month, reaching 251,760 in June. Only two industries had noticeable changes: construction employment increased by 1,300 which is a normal, seasonal occurrence, while government employment dropped by 1,840. All of the decline occurred in state and local schools as the school year ended. Part of this decrease was offset by additions in other government agencies. Most of these are seasonal workers employed in recreational or maintenance activities.

Compared to June 1985, employment is down by 3,670. The major decreases occurred in mining and construction, while minor drops were evident in manufacturing and transportation, communications, and utilities. Employment in oil exploration and production dropped by 1,810 (-35.4 percent) because of a worldwide surplus and the resultant decrease in the price paid per barrel. Construction employment is down to 11,850 due to the absence of many major projects in the state. Manufacturing lost 150 jobs. Employment in durable goods is off by 460, caused by a low demand for farm equipment, while employment in nondurable goods is up by 370. The combined industry--transportation, communications, and utilities--is down 760, with all segments contributing to the decline. Wholesale trade employment fell by 640 due to less activity in the agriculture and mining industries. Although the balance of the industries showed gains, the only significant increase--1,570--was in services, with the strongest growth period posted by social and medical services.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	Percent Change From One Month Ago May 1986	Percent Change From One Year Ago June 1985
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	66,770	68,160	65,590	-2.0	1.8
Mining & Construction	3,390	2,990	3,580	13.4	-5.3
Manufacturing	4,800	4,740	4,720	1.3	1.7
Durable Goods	1,970	1,950	2,090	1.0	-5.7
Nondurable Goods	2,830	2,790	2,630	1.4	7.6
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	3,830	3,830	3,910	0.0	-2.0
Trade	20,650	20,690	20,150	-0.2	2.5
Wholesale Trade	6,830	6,790	6,800	0.6	0.4
Retail Trade	13,820	13,900	13,350	-0.6	3.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,440	4,380	4,300	1.4	3.3
Services	17,320	18,080	16,580	-4.2	4.5
Government	12,340	13,450	12,350	-8.3	-0.1
Federal	2,110	2,130	2,060	-0.9	2.4
State & Local	10,230	11,320	10,290	-9.6	-0.6
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,300	29,300	27,650	-3.4	2.4
Mining & Construction	1,910	1,650	1,710	15.8	11.7
Manufacturing	1,730	1,750	1,510	-1.1	14.6
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,410	1,450	1,440	-2.8	-2.1
Trade	7,950	8,060	8,030	-1.4	-1.0
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,390	1,430	0.7	-2.1
Retail Trade	6,550	6,670	6,600	-1.8	-0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,090	1,090	1,090	0.0	0.0
Services	6,310	6,260	6,020	0.8	4.8
Government	7,900	9,040	7,850	-12.6	0.6
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,490	36,090	36,450	1.1	0.1
Mining	200	200	210	0.0	-4.8
Construction	1,600	1,530	1,970	4.6	-18.8
Manufacturing	1,990	1,940	2,050	2.6	-2.9
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,670	2,710	2,910	-1.5	-8.2
Trade	9,820	9,710	9,710	1.1	1.1
Wholesale	2,370	2,350	2,490	0.9	-4.8
Retail	7,450	7,360	7,220	1.2	3.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,720	1,720	1,700	0.0	1.2
Services	9,960	10,030	9,660	-0.7	3.1
Government	8,530	8,250	8,240	3.4	3.5

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	Percent Change From One Month Ago May 1986	Percent Change From One Year Ago June 1985
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,740	19,660	20,380	0.4	-3.1
Durable Goods	9,520	9,430	10,060	1.0	-5.4
Nondurable Goods	10,220	10,230	10,320	-0.1	-1.0
RETAIL TRADE	48,410	48,240	48,390	0.4	0.0
General Merchandise	5,900	5,850	5,780	0.9	2.1
Food Stores	6,690	6,650	6,640	0.6	0.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,890	6,830	6,930	0.9	-0.6
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,750	2,760	2,740	-0.4	0.4
Other Retail	26,180	26,150	26,300	0.1	-0.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	12,690	12,590	12,650	0.8	0.3
Finance	6,910	6,890	6,870	0.3	0.6
Banking	4,310	4,290	4,360	0.5	-1.1
Other Finance	2,600	2,600	2,510	0.0	3.6
Insurance	3,820	3,790	3,800	0.8	0.5
Real Estate	1,960	1,910	1,980	2.6	-1.0
SERVICES	59,490	59,210	57,920	0.5	2.7
Lodging	4,190	4,230	4,290	-0.9	-2.3
Nursing & Personal Care	6,410	6,310	6,350	1.6	0.9
Hospitals	12,410	12,370	12,520	0.3	-0.9
Other Medical	6,600	6,530	6,210	1.1	6.3
Other Services	29,880	29,770	28,550	0.4	4.7
GOVERNMENT	63,240	65,080	63,210	-2.8	0.0
Federal	9,660	9,470	9,650	2.0	0.1
State Government	18,320	19,620	18,420	-6.6	-0.5
Educational Services	10,850	12,580	11,060	-13.8	-1.9
Other State Government	7,470	7,040	7,360	6.1	1.5
Local Government	35,260	35,990	35,140	-2.0	0.3
Educational Services	15,980	18,220	15,580	-12.3	2.6
Other Local Government	19,280	17,770	19,560	8.5	-1.4

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Divide	1,717	1,722	1,748	1,611	1,628	1,681	106	94	67	6.2	5.5	3.8
McKenzie	4,159	4,165	4,047	3,849	3,858	3,844	310	307	203	7.5	7.4	5.0
Williams	14,830	14,323	14,978	12,747	12,453	13,920	2,083	1,870	1,058	14.0	13.1	7.1
REGION 1 TOTAL	20,706	20,210	20,773	18,207	17,939	19,445	2,499	2,271	1,328	12.1	11.2	6.4
Bottineau	4,311	4,273	4,304	4,013	3,989	4,018	298	284	286	6.9	6.6	6.6
Burke	1,713	1,766	1,656	1,543	1,624	1,563	170	142	93	9.9	8.0	5.6
McHenry	3,258	3,376	3,307	2,857	2,949	2,936	401	427	371	12.3	12.6	11.2
Mountrail	3,883	3,885	3,638	3,479	3,519	3,379	404	366	259	10.4	9.4	7.1
Pierce	2,923	2,884	2,942	2,769	2,720	2,802	154	164	140	5.3	5.7	4.8
Renville	1,699	1,703	1,521	1,534	1,577	1,437	165	126	84	9.7	7.4	5.5
Ward	27,106	26,582	26,994	25,387	24,870	25,337	1,719	1,712	1,657	6.3	6.4	6.1
REGION 2 TOTAL	44,893	44,469	44,362	41,582	41,248	41,472	3,311	3,221	2,890	7.4	7.2	6.5
Benson	3,624	3,667	3,556	3,337	3,433	3,273	287	234	283	7.9	6.4	8.0
Cavalier	3,051	3,038	3,123	2,896	2,868	2,942	155	170	181	5.1	5.6	5.8
Eddy	1,640	1,665	1,689	1,509	1,538	1,559	131	127	130	8.0	7.6	7.7
Ramsey	6,947	6,847	6,971	6,638	6,542	6,585	309	305	386	4.4	4.5	5.5
Rolette	5,928	5,855	5,556	5,035	5,056	4,785	893	799	771	15.1	13.6	13.9
Towner	2,010	2,016	1,965	1,927	1,950	1,916	83	66	49	4.1	3.3	2.5
REGION 3 TOTAL	23,200	23,088	22,860	21,342	21,387	21,060	1,858	1,701	1,800	8.0	7.4	7.9
Grand Forks	36,015	36,711	34,415	34,564	35,463	33,227	1,451	1,248	1,188	4.0	3.4	3.5
Nelson	2,299	2,284	2,352	2,173	2,142	2,228	126	142	124	5.5	6.2	5.3
Pembina	6,093	6,062	5,787	5,625	5,638	5,382	468	424	405	7.7	7.0	7.0
Walsh	8,816	8,714	8,577	8,369	8,362	8,118	447	352	459	5.1	4.0	5.4
REGION 4 TOTAL	53,223	53,771	51,131	50,731	51,605	48,955	2,492	2,166	2,176	4.7	4.0	4.3
Cass	56,540	57,156	54,668	54,372	55,040	52,747	2,168	2,116	1,921	3.8	3.7	3.5
Ransom	3,013	2,985	2,979	2,907	2,890	2,869	106	95	110	3.5	3.2	3.7
Richland	8,969	8,862	9,213	8,577	8,449	8,627	392	413	586	4.4	4.7	6.4
Sargent	2,817	2,755	2,850	2,674	2,630	2,723	143	125	127	5.1	4.5	4.5
Steele	1,445	1,443	1,459	1,378	1,377	1,422	67	66	37	4.6	4.6	2.5
Traill	4,792	4,847	4,796	4,550	4,595	4,583	242	252	213	5.1	5.2	4.4
REGION 5 TOTAL	77,576	78,048	75,965	74,458	74,981	72,971	3,118	3,067	2,994	4.0	3.9	3.9

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
Barnes	6,482	6,492	6,508	6,199	6,194	6,169	283	298	339	4.4	4.6	5.2
Dickey	3,780	3,722	3,828	3,671	3,608	3,686	109	114	142	2.9	3.1	3.7
Foster	2,406	2,492	2,416	2,256	2,334	2,313	150	158	103	6.2	6.3	4.3
Griggs	1,735	1,784	1,754	1,670	1,705	1,682	65	79	72	3.7	4.4	4.1
La Moure	2,834	2,895	2,868	2,709	2,748	2,758	125	147	110	4.4	5.1	3.8
Logan	1,771	1,786	1,748	1,725	1,742	1,687	46	44	61	2.6	2.5	3.5
McIntosh	2,580	2,550	2,567	2,449	2,456	2,516	131	94	51	5.1	3.7	2.0
Stutsman	13,584	13,537	13,272	12,889	12,814	12,666	695	723	606	5.1	5.3	4.6
Wells	3,300	3,356	3,337	3,129	3,173	3,140	171	183	197	5.2	5.5	5.9
REGION 6 TOTAL	38,472	38,614	38,298	36,697	36,774	36,617	1,775	1,840	1,681	4.6	4.8	4.4
Burleigh	32,828	32,435	32,386	30,545	30,052	30,250	2,283	2,383	2,136	7.0	7.3	6.6
Emmons	2,658	2,644	2,651	2,480	2,490	2,515	178	154	136	6.7	5.8	5.1
Grant	2,371	2,408	2,394	2,245	2,269	2,267	126	139	127	5.3	5.8	5.3
Kidder	1,881	1,936	1,836	1,715	1,741	1,715	166	195	121	8.8	10.1	6.6
McLean	5,069	5,164	5,290	4,637	4,716	4,809	432	448	481	8.5	8.7	9.1
Mercer	6,119	6,305	7,566	5,425	5,604	6,881	694	701	685	11.3	11.1	9.1
Morton	14,684	14,380	14,664	13,725	13,503	13,592	959	877	1,072	6.5	6.1	7.3
Oliver	1,401	1,362	1,260	1,283	1,272	1,167	118	90	93	8.4	6.6	7.4
Sheridan	1,488	1,483	1,443	1,402	1,401	1,387	86	82	56	5.8	5.5	3.9
Sioux	1,423	1,462	1,438	1,231	1,311	1,255	192	151	183	13.5	10.3	12.7
REGION 7 TOTAL	69,922	69,579	70,928	64,688	64,359	65,838	5,234	5,220	5,090	7.5	7.5	7.2
Adams	1,956	1,961	1,939	1,887	1,911	1,896	69	50	43	3.5	2.5	2.2
Billings	1,170	986	1,114	1,116	945	1,089	54	41	25	4.6	4.2	2.2
Bowman	2,601	2,557	2,622	2,439	2,417	2,487	162	140	135	6.2	5.5	5.1
Dunn	2,231	2,291	2,333	2,043	2,104	2,152	188	187	181	8.4	8.2	7.8
Golden Valley	1,240	1,222	1,272	1,173	1,160	1,190	67	62	82	5.4	5.1	6.4
Hettinger	2,330	2,347	2,319	2,229	2,226	2,239	101	121	80	4.3	5.2	3.4
Slope	613	605	636	533	544	583	80	61	53	13.1	10.1	8.3
Stark	13,559	13,215	13,740	12,149	11,870	12,754	1,410	1,345	986	10.4	10.2	7.2
REGION 8 TOTAL	25,700	25,184	25,975	23,569	23,177	24,390	2,131	2,007	1,585	8.3	8.0	6.1
STATE TOTAL	353,692	352,963	350,292	331,274	331,470	330,748	22,418	21,493	19,544	6.3	6.1	5.6

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month June 1986	Previous Month May 1986	One Year Ago June 1985	Percent Change From May 1986	Percent Change From June 1985
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	119,796	119,351	116,726	0.4	2.6
Employment	111,353	110,797	108,303	0.5	2.8
Unemployment	8,443	8,554	8,423	-1.3	0.2
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.2%	7.2%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	353,690	352,960	350,290	0.2	1.0
Employment	331,270	331,470	330,750	-0.1	0.2
Unemployment	22,420	21,490	19,540	4.3	14.7
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.1%	5.6%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	83,520	83,570	81,060	-0.1	3.0
Employment	80,110	80,110	77,860	-0-	2.9
Unemployment	3,410	3,460	3,200	-1.4	6.6
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	3.9%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,010	36,710	34,420	-1.9	4.6
Employment	34,560	35,460	33,230	-2.5	4.0
Unemployment	1,450	1,250	1,190	16.0	21.8
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.4%	3.5%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,510	46,820	47,050	1.5	1.0
Employment	44,270	43,560	43,840	1.6	1.0
Unemployment	3,240	3,260	3,210	-0.6	0.9
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	7.0%	6.8%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
MAY 1986
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	353.0	357.6	2,255.6	410.3
Employment	331.5	343.3	2,142.3	381.0
Unemployment	21.5	14.3	113.3	29.3
Unemployment Rate	6.1	4.0	5.0	7.1

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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